

## REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed December 14, 2005, Applicants submit the following: Claims 19-26 and 28 are pending in the application. Claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a recently found typographical error. No new matter has been added to the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 19-26 and 28.

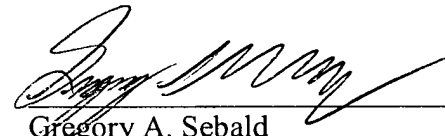
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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